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**Letter of commitment to the priorities of the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice**

I, Charlie Jeffery, Vice Chancellor and President on behalf of the University of York, confirm our commitment to the priority areas outlined in the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice.

The University of York fully supports the priority areas outlined in the concordat, and restated below. We will deliver against all the priorities in practice and recognise our responsibilities as a signatory, as set out in the concordat.

1. Leadership and system change
2. Sustainable Infrastructure
3. Sustainable procurement
4. Emissions from business and academic travel
5. Collaborations and partnerships
6. Environmental impact and reporting data

By signing this concordat we recognise the need to change how we conduct research and innovation as well as promote wider solutions. We also agree to take shared action now and into the future to reduce and eliminate our own environmental impacts and emissions and achieve the transition to sustainable practices.

As a University for Public Good, and with environmental sustainability being one of the core guiding principles of our University Strategy, we are acutely aware of the positive impacts that such sustainable practices can achieve. The priority areas of the concordat are important steps in enhancing our pre-existing sustainability work by practically focussing our efforts to embed a culture of sustainability throughout our University.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Jeffery', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charlie Jeffery

**Vice Chancellor and President**  
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